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Applicants: Satoshi SHIMIZU et al

Title: CLAMP DEVICE AND CLAMP METHOD FOR HEAT-TREATED ARTICLE

Serial No.: 10/541 331

Group: 3749

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[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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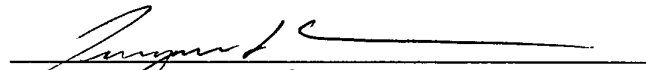
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007,
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